



United States Navy Biography



Rear Admiral Mark I. Fox
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A native of Abilene, Texas, Rear Adm. Fox was commissioned in June 1978 upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1980.

In October 2006, Rear Adm. Fox completed a tour as the Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Military Office (WHMO), responsible for overseeing all military support to the President. He served as WHMO Deputy Director for eighteen months before assuming responsibilities as WHMO Director in January 2005.

During his career, Rear Adm. Fox has deployed from both coasts in five fleet tours, flying the A-7E *Corsair II* and FA-18 *Hornet* in over 100 combat and contingency missions off the coasts of Lebanon and Libya, and over the Balkans and Iraq.

Combat highlights include scoring the first Navy MiG kill of *Operation Desert Storm* prior to dropping his bombs on an airfield in western Iraq on January 17, 1991, and leading the opening "Shock and Awe" strike of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* on March 21, 2003.

Rear Adm. Fox's command assignments include Carrier Air Wing 2, the Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, service as the first Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (the Navy's first FA-18E/F *Super Hornet* squadron) and Strike Fighter Squadron 81.

Shore tours include duty as an A-7E Instructor Pilot in Attack Squadron 174; a tour as the Light Attack/Strike Fighter Junior Officer Detailer in the Naval Military Personnel Command; assignment as Aide and Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare - OP-05); joint duty as the Maritime Plans Officer at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau, Belgium; and service as the Joint Strike and Aviation Programs Liaison Officer in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. Fox has logged over 4,700 flight hours and 1,320 arrested landings on 13 different aircraft carriers. Military awards include Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat 'V', and Bronze Star.

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